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**DEATH.**  
After residence, No. 13, Yachting, Tokyo, at  
2.30 a.m. on the 24th April, at pneumonia, Captain  
James, aged 60, widow of the late William B.  
James, Esq., of London.

## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MAY 2ND, 1933.

The establishment of a Chinese national post  
office is apparently again under consideration;  
indeed, it is said that a memorial on the  
subject by Sir ROBERT HALL has received the  
attention of the Throne, though an edict will  
be issued until all the arrangements for  
the working of the new department  
have been decided. Two points in one  
which will be watched with interest by the  
foreign communities, who will wish it all  
success provided they themselves are not  
under the material upon which the ex-  
periment is to be first made. In 1896  
the Chinese Government obligingly offered,  
as a first step to the establishment of a na-  
tional post office, to take charge of the corre-  
pondence of the foreign communities at the  
Treaty ports. The foreigners, however,  
were very well satisfied with things as they  
were and opposed the change, with the result  
that the scheme fell through for the time be-  
ing. If the scheme should be now in incuba-  
tion proceeds on the same lines, doubtless  
it will meet with the same opposition as the  
former one, and on the same grounds. At  
Shanghai and at Hongkong as the premier  
port, will naturally lead public opinion in  
the matter—the postal facilities are so good  
that a Chinese post office, though managed  
by the Foreign Customs department, which  
does everything it undertakes so well, could  
not be expected to improve them. If the  
Chinese post office came up to the  
standard of the Hongkong post office it  
would be as much as could reasonably be  
expected of it as a commencement, and the  
probability is that it would not attain that  
standard until it had acquired some experi-  
ence. But at Shanghai postal facilities are  
far ahead of what they are in Hongkong,  
which is one of the results of allowing a  
community to manage its own affairs. In  
addition to the various national post offices  
there is the local post, which is conducted  
according to the local requirements of the  
community. In Hongkong a movement in  
the direction of improving the local service  
was made a year or two ago, but it has re-  
sulted very unsatisfactorily, and practically  
every household and business establishment  
has still to undertake the delivery of its  
own local correspondence, maintaining a  
staff of coolies for that purpose. At  
Shanghai this work is as admirably per-  
formed by the local post office as it is in  
the great cities of England. In 1899 the  
proposal was that the local post office  
at Shanghai should be taken over by the  
Customs and had that proposal been accepted  
and carried out the work would have been

have been continued on the same lines, but  
the trail of officialdom would soon have  
come over it and we should have expected  
progressive improvement almost as little as  
we do in Hongkong, where every recommen-  
dation of the Postmaster-General has been  
up to the Government and minor red tape  
and reasons of expediency have to be con-  
sidered before it can be carried into effect. In Shang-  
hai, it is not a matter of bearing the ills they have  
rather than fly to others they know not of,  
but of maintaining a very excellent system  
which adequately meets the wants of the  
community, and refusing to exchange it for  
a system as yet untried.

One strong objection to the proposal is  
the uncertainty attending the tenure of  
the Foreign Customs establishment. What is  
to happen when Sir ROBERT HALL leaves  
the office? The services of the Foreign cus-  
tomers may then gradually be dispensed  
with and Chinese officials be substituted for  
them. The foreign communities would not  
feel perfect confidence in the invariability  
of their correspondence if it had to be en-  
trusted to a purely Chinese department, and  
in any case they have nothing better to  
hope for than what they enjoy at present  
their reluctance to assent to the proposed  
change is readily comprehensible. It has  
been urged with phenomenal shrewdness  
that it would be better for Shanghai to  
have only one post office instead of several  
as at present. There are the English,  
French, American, German, and Japanese  
offices, besides the local post and the  
Customs post. The proposal is that all  
these should be swept away and replaced  
by the Chinese post office, and it is  
assumed in some quarters that because  
the existence of so many independent offices  
is an anomaly the abolition of the anomaly  
would be a good thing. But the anomaly  
in question is altogether a beneficial one,  
each particular office adding some-  
thing to the postal facilities, and in  
some cases offering very decided advan-  
tages as regards particular routes. The  
system may be wonderful, but the cost of  
the waste does not fall on the Shanghai  
community, but on the Governments that  
maintain the offices, and the community has  
therefore no reason to complain on that  
score. If China chooses to establish a  
national postal service with an office in  
Shanghai the community would not be  
glad to welcome it and avail of it so far as  
convenient to them, always on the con-  
dition that there was no interference with  
existing postal facilities. In Turkey there is  
a national postal system and foreign post  
offices are also maintained. There is no  
reason why the same should not be the case  
in China.

By all means let China establish a na-  
tional postal system if she wants it, but let  
her commence with the correspondence of her  
own subjects and not with that of foreigners.  
But as to how far a national postal system  
would be a success in China, there is no  
considerable room for doubt. The benefits that  
have been conferred on other countries by  
national post offices are pointed to and the  
question is asked, why should not similar  
benefits be conferred on China? Well, perhaps  
might in course of time, but we must recollect  
that China is China, that the people have  
no confidence in their own officials, and that  
they would not without the greatest re-  
luctance entrust a private letter to the care  
of a public department. The "post shops"  
which are found in every village meet the  
postal requirements of the people passively  
well, transmitting letters at small cost and  
with fair despatch to all parts of the empire,  
and through them money can be sent with  
almost as much security as it can in Euro-  
pe, by means of money orders. Misad-  
ventures and others living in the interior all  
speak favourably of the "post shops" and  
their services, and the natives are  
well content with them. No doubt there  
is great room for improvement and the  
content of the natives is simply due to the  
fact that they have never known anything  
better, but it is problematical whether the  
Chinese Government would be able to give  
them anything better, while any attempt to  
compulsorily close the existing private  
agencies would certainly bring a horde's  
nest about the ears of the officials concerned  
in the work. Every one desires to see  
China advance, but recognizing, as we  
must, her limitations it cannot be stated with  
any confidence that an attempt to introduce a  
national postal system would result in un-  
improved. Foreigners, however, are  
only immediately concerned with their own  
correspondence, and that they would natu-  
rally shrink from entrusting to a Chinese de-  
partment.

**H.M.S. Innes** arrived on Sunday from  
Shanghai.

The British general *Swift* arrived at Bang-  
kok on the 10th April.

The Glen Loch steamship *Glenloch*, from  
London and Straits for this port, left Singapore  
on Saturday afternoon.

The P. M. steamer *City of Peking*, with mail,  
from San Francisco to the 15th ultimo, has  
been detained at Hongkong, and will leave for this  
port this morning.

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Hongkong, 23rd April, 1893.	16

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